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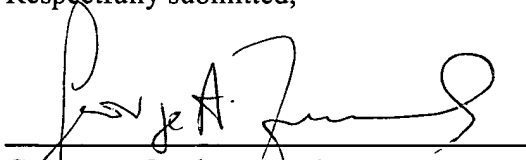
Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING
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THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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